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Media Advisory

EchoStar and DIRECTV present:

Local Channels and Affordable Broadhand Everywhere in Pennsylvania

State College, PA - On August 22, 2002 at 10:30 am, Senator Jake Corman will host a demonstration showcasing satellite-delivered digital television and high-speed Internet access and explain how the proposed merger between EchoStar Communications Corporation, parent company of DISH Network, and Hughes Electronics Corporation, parent company of DIRECTV, will make local TV channels available to every resident in Pennsylvania. Attendees will be able to surf the Internet, delivered via satellite, following the demonstration.

The demonstration, hosted by Senator Jake Corman, will be held at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, Room 108, 215 Innovation Blvd., State College, at 10:30 am on August 22, 2002.

Press invited to attend.

Please contact Jennifer Merchant at (717) 214-2200.

In connection with the proposed transactions, General Motors Corporation (GM), HEC Holdings, Inc. (Hughes Holdings) and EchoStar Communications Corporation (EchoStar) have filed amended preliminary materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including a Registration Statement of Hughes Holdings on Form S-4 that contains a consent solicitation statement/information statement/prospectus. These materials are not yet final and will be further amended. Holders of GM $1-2/3 and GM Class H common stock are urged to read the definitive versions of these materials, as well as any other relevant documents filed or that will be filed with the SEC, as they become available, because these documents contain or will contain important information. The preliminary materials, the definitive versions of these materials and other relevant materials (when they become available), and any other

documents filed by GM, Hughes Electronics Corporation (Hughes), Hughes Holdings or EchoStar with the SEC may be obtained for free at the SEC s website, www.sec.gov, and GM stockholders will receive information at an appropriate time on how to obtain transaction-related documents for free from GM.

GM and its directors and executive officers, Hughes and certain of its officers, and EchoStar and certain of its executive officers may be deemed to be participants in GM s solicitation of consents from the holders of GM $1-2/3 common stock and GM Class H common stock in connection with the proposed transactions. Information regarding the participants and their interests in the solicitation was filed pursuant to Rule 425 with the SEC by EchoStar on November 1, 2001 and by each of GM and Hughes on November 16, 2001. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of the participants by reading the amended preliminary consent solicitation statement/information statement/prospectus filed with the SEC and the definitive consent solicitation statement/information statement/prospectus when it becomes available.

This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Materials included in this document contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause our actual results to be materially different from historical results or from any future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The factors that could cause actual results of GM, EchoStar, Hughes, or a combined EchoStar and Hughes, to differ materially, many of which are beyond the control of EchoStar, Hughes, Hughes Holdings or GM include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) the businesses of EchoStar and Hughes may not be integrated successfully or such integration may be more difficult, time-consuming or costly than expected; (2) expected benefits and synergies from the combination may not be realized within the expected time frame or at all; (3) revenues following the transaction may be lower than expected; (4) operating costs, customer loss and business disruption including, without limitation, difficulties in maintaining relationships with employees, customers, clients or suppliers, may be greater than expected following the transaction; (5) generating the incremental growth in the subscriber base of the combined company may be more costly or difficult than expected; (6) the regulatory approvals required for the transaction may not be obtained on the terms expected or on the anticipated schedule; (7) the effects of legislative and regulatory changes; (8) an inability to obtain certain retransmission consents; (9) an inability to retain necessary authorizations from the FCC; (10) an increase in competition from cable as a result of digital cable or otherwise, direct broadcast satellite, other satellite system operators, and other providers of subscription television services; (11) the introduction of new technologies and competitors into the subscription television business; (12) changes in labor, programming, equipment and capital costs; (13) future acquisitions, strategic partnership and divestitures; (14) general business and economic conditions; and (15) other risks described from time to time in periodic reports filed by EchoStar, Hughes or GM with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You are urged to consider statements that include the words may, will, would, could, should, believes, estim

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Affordable Broadband and Local Channels via Satellite to All Washingtonians

What: **Senator Jim West** and **Representative Jeff Gombosky** will host a breakfast discussion on satellite technology, recent trends in the industry, and how these developments hold the potential to benefit Eastern Washington. The legislators will be joined by George Jamison, Corporate Vice President of Communications at Hughes Electronics Corporation. Jamison will discuss his company s pending merger with EchoStar Communications Corporation, and how the new company would bring new services and technology to Eastern Washington. HUGHES and EchoStar are the parent companies of DIRECTV and DISH Network, respectively the nation s two leading satellite television providers.

When: Monday, August 26, 2002
7:00 AM

Where: The Davenport Hotel - Elizabethan Room B
10 S. Post St.
Spokane

RSVP: Please RSVP to Serena Carlson at 509-624-7655.

Continental breakfast will be provided.

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